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The Honorable Bart Gordon
Chairman
House Science and Technology Committee
2321 Rayburn House Office Building
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Dear Chairman Gordon:

On behalf of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), the world's largest general scientific organization, I would like to thank you for your leadership and dedicated support that were instrumental in passing the America COMPETES Act (H.R. 5116) yesterday. AAAS believes that this legislation is a critical step to help the United States create a better-prepared, better-educated domestic workforce, keep the nation at the forefront of technological development, and drive national economic growth.

I would also like to extend our sincere gratitude for your support of the science and technology enterprise during your chairmanship, especially in the areas of education, and international cooperation and science diplomacy. We are grateful for your efforts as chairman and wish you a prosperous new year as you retire from Congress.

Sincerely,

Alan I. Leshner